

TelcoTV Conference & Expo Announces 2008 Vision Awards Finalists

Awards recognizing innovation in video and entertainment convergence to be presented at TelcoTV 2008 on November 12

IRVINE, Calif. – October 29, 2008 – TelcoTV, the premier meeting place for the massive convergence of the entertainment and communications markets, has determined the finalists for the 1st Annual TelcoTV Vision Awards, which recognize the most compelling new products, applications, or services in each of the six designated categories: Broadband Access Networks, Conditional Access, Customer Premises Equipment, Middleware, Encoding, and Service Provider Innovation. A seventh award, Best in Show, will be bestowed upon the most innovative, most interesting technology from among all the nominees.

The 2008 TelcoTV Vision Awards winners will be announced before an audience of eco-system partners, service providers, analysts, and technology and business press at TelcoTV on Wednesday, November 12, at 1:30 PM in room 207A of the Anaheim Convention Center, immediately following the Heavy Reading consumer research presentation "Is IPTV Ready for the Prime Time Consumer?"

The TelcoTV Vision Awards recognize the most innovative and "visionary" new products, services, or applications announced in the communications industry in the past year. The finalists were determined by a distinguished panel of industry executives, analysts and service providers: Bernardin Arnason, Chairman, TelcoTV; Joseph Braue, SVP and Group Director, Light Reading; Steve Fravel, Video Services Manager, NTCA; Keith Galitz, President, Canby Telcom; Aditya Kishore, Senior Analyst, Heavy Reading; Kevin McGuire, VP Business & Technology, NTCA; and David Osborn, General Manager, Valley Telephone Cooperative.

There was an overwhelming response to the announcement of the TelcoTV Vision Awards, with more than 65 entries received. The finalists in each category include:

Broadband Access Networks

- Calix: 762G Optical Network Terminal (ONT)
- Motorola: Amplified PON
- Pannaway: MAGNM-20

Conditional Access

- SecureMedia: Encryptonite ONE System Release 2
- Verimatrix: VCAS for IPTV 2.3
- Widevine Technologies: Widevine Cypher for Digital Media

Customer Premises Equipment

- Amino Communications: AmiNET130M
- Advanced Digital Broadcasting: ADB-5811WX – advanced high-def/standard-def/MPEG2/MPEG4 IPTV set-top box

- Sigma Designs: SMP8654 media processor system-on-chip (SoC)

Middleware

- Ericsson: IMS Integrated IPTV Middleware
- Mariner Partners: HomeVu
- Thomson: Personalised TV

Encoding

- Envivio: 4Caster C4
- Thomson: ViBE encoders (fast channel change)
- Tandberg Television: iPlex UltraCompression Transcoder

Service Provider Innovation Award

- AT&T: U-verse Total Home DVR
- BEK Communications: BEK TV
- QuickPlay Media: Rogers Vision

The seventh annual TelcoTV08 Conference & Expo is the largest IPTV and video event for communications service providers in the United States, with more than 150 exhibitors. It is produced by TechWeb's Light Reading Communications Network, which is part of United Business Media LLC, in partnership with the National Telecommunications Cooperative Association.

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